Dear Jim, NSA Convention Update 8/10/75

Floyd phoned me yesterday to say that Ed Myrne has asked for transportation here today.

Byrne has prepared something I've not read carefully that Gonzalez introduced into the Record. After this was done Byrne asked for further information on parts he marked in the Reconrd pages he brought me. I went over them with him and tried to help. To now I've read only what he had marked.

We talked about those the NSA wants as speakers. Someone named Kathy apparently has much to do woth this. We are strangers but she appears to want me.

I told Ed to please tell her that if they really insist I'll speak but I'd prefer not to. That I think they'd do well with Lowenstein, despite what I gathered their view was.

If they do not want to change this view or feel they cannot I suggested as alternatives Howard, who ought get his fare back but I'd provide all else; and second you.

I also suggested that you are quite busy and that Howard will be in classes until about the time their convention(week long) opens.

If he reads the speech he made at Maryland I said this should be fine.

(MY belief is that they will want you to run a workshop on FOIA anyway and that this will take enough of your time.)

My earlier suggestion, when I learned that there was some feeling against Lowenstein, was that you should be the alternative. They seem not to have gone for this.

I take it that this Gonzalez insertion may be something Ed wrote. He also had a copy of a Downing one, a June 26 update of the U.Va. one ~~x~~ reviewed by Bud, Tink Sylvia. Neither amounts to much. There is a copy of one for you.

Best,